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Nez Perce Agreement Minimum Flows To Be Made Public Next Week

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Three public meetings have been scheduled in North Central Idaho next week to unveil the recommended instream flows for the List B streams identified in the Nez Perce Agreement, the Idaho Water Resource Board announced today.

Board Members want citizens and stakeholders to have a chance to review the flow numbers before they are submitted to the legislature and as claims to the Snake River Basin Adjudication Court.

Board Members and Idaho Department of Water Resources staff will host the following meetings and discuss the recommended minimum flows and how they were established and will be administered.

- Challis, Tuesday, February 1, 3-5 p.m. Custer Soil and Water Conservation District Office
- Riggins, Thursday, February 3, 3-5 p.m. Salmon Rapids Lodge
- Lewiston, Friday, February 4, 9:30 11:30 a.m. Brammer Building, 1225 Idaho St.

These instream flows will not affect existing water rights and are subordinate to all current and future domestic, municipal, commercial and industrial uses.

More information about the Nez Perce Agreement and recommended instream flows is available on IDWR's website: www.idwr.idaho.gov